

## John 17 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From John 17:9-10 who did Jesus pray for (v9) and not pray for (v9)? What 4 realities does Jesus declare (v9, 10) and how does this explain the focus of His prayer?	
5. In 17:11-13 what else did Jesus pray for His disciples (v11) and why (v11, 12)? What would result (v12, 13)? What had He done for them (v12) and who was left out (v12)? Why?	
6. According to 17:14-16 what had Jesus given them (v14), with what effect (v14), and why (v14, 16)? What did Jesus not ask for (v15) and what did He ask for (v15)? Apply.	
7. Read 17:17-19. What does Jesus desire for us (v17) and why (v18)? How does this happen (v17, 19) and what has Jesus done to facilitate this (v19)? Explain the connection.	
8. Using 17:20-21 who else did Jesus pray for (v20) and what was His request (v21). On what desire was this based (v20) and what result did He envision (v20)?	
9. In 17:22-23 what else had Jesus given the disciples (v22) and to what should this lead (v22)? If His disciples are in unity what will be the outcome (v23)?	
10. From 17:24-26 what did Jesus want His disciples to see (v24)? Describe the special relationship Jesus had with His Father (v24, 25) and how this impacted His disciples (v25, 26).	
11. Summarize, from John 17, what Jesus' basic prayer was for Himself (v1-5), for His disciples then (v6-19), and for His disciples of all eras (v20-26). Based on His prayer, what should our goals be?	

### Scripture to Remember

“I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.”

**John 17:15 (NASV)**

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### **Life Group Questions—Go West Young Man (Acts 4:23-35)**

*(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Share about a time in your life in which an idea, dream, or compelling vision consumed your life. What changes did it make? Why did they stop, if they did?
2. Read Acts 4:23-31. Why did the apostles address God as “despotes”, or absolute ruler? When you have been overwhelmed by God's control over your life situation?
3. Why is it important to remember God's absolute sovereignty, but also the permission He gives us to make responsible choices? Does that comfort you or not? Explain.
4. The four phases of the Christian life are our calling out of the world, our change from the world, our commission to the world and our eternity with God in heaven. Discuss the meaning of these and share where you are in these phases.
5. Read Acts 4:32-35. What were the evidences of God's presence in this congregation? How did this occur and how can we apply it?
6. As you think about this passage what changes do you need to make to be like those in the early church? Share that with your group and pray about that together.
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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## Calling in the Cavalry

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**Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.**

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

One of the distinctive features of many “western” movies was the moment when the wagons were surrounded by Indians and the cavalry rescued them in the nick of time. In a sense the study this week reveals Jesus “calling in the cavalry” for His disciples. He knew that they would be alone, surrounded by the forces of evil, and they would need God to show up and rescue them. So Jesus prayed what has been called His “high priestly prayer”; in which He implored His Father to glorify Himself in our fight against evil. Jesus first prayed for Himself. Knowing His “hour” had come He prayed for God to glorify Him so that He could glorify God; primarily this glory would be seen in His securing of eternal life for all the Father had given Him. This eternal life comes by knowing

the Father and Jesus Christ His Son. He asked that the glory He had before the world began could be seen again by all creation and His disciples. Jesus then prayed for them since He had revealed God's name to them and they had kept His Word. They believed that Jesus had come from God and that everything He had was from Him. So, He didn't pray for the world, but for the Father to help His disciples who, unlike Himself, would remain in the world. He had guarded them while He was here, but now that He was leaving, He called upon the Father to keep them in His name. He wanted them to be joyous, especially since the world hated them as it hated Him. He did not pray for them to be taken out of the world but to be kept from the evil one. Asking the Father to

sanctify, or set them apart in His truth would be a major way to accomplish this. Finally, Jesus prayed for us, those who would believe through their word. He asked that all of us would be one—disciples, the Father and Jesus—so that the world would know that Jesus had come from the Father who loved both the disciples and Him. He ultimately wanted them to be with Him to see His eternal glory and to experience the same love that the Father had for Him. Since they would face this world alone, His prayer to the Father was like calling in the cavalry.

## Study Questions for John 17

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read John 17:1-3. What did Jesus know (v1) and what did He ask (v1). How did Jesus' "hour" relate to His being glorified (v2)? How does Jesus define eternal life (v3)?</p>	
<p>2. Using 17:4-5 how had Jesus glorified His Father (v4) and what "work" had He accomplished? What did He now ask (v5) and to what do you think He was referring?</p>	
<p>3. Based on 17:6-8 who had been Jesus' focus, what was His purpose (6), and method (v6, 8)? How had it worked out (v6, 7, 8)</p>	

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